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SUBJECT: SOVIET-CUBAN PRESENCE IN ANGOLA

REF: STATE 038734

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON BEN GHEZAL, DEPUTY CHIEF OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS DIVISION AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, 12 MARCH TO MAKE POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL AND TO DISCUSS ALGERIAN VIEW OF ANGOLAN FUTURE AND SOVIET-CUBAN PRESENCE.

2. GHEZAL RESPONDED THAT QUESTION AS TO HOW LONG SOVIET/ CUBANS REMAIN IN ANGOLA MATTER OF ANGOLAN SOVEREIGNTY.

3. HE STATED, HOWEVER, THAT ALGERIA BELIEVED THAT ONCE THREAT OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION GONE AND INTERNAL UNITY ACHIEVED NETO WOULD ASK SOVIETS AND CUBANS TO LEAVE. HE POINTED OUT NETO HAS REQUESTED MEMBERSHIP IN NONALIGNED MOVEMENT AND HAS SUBSCRIBED TO PRINCIPLES OF OAU AND THESE INCOMPATIBLE WITH CONTINUING SOVIET/CUBAN MILITARY PRESENCE. HE INDICATED THAT HE DID NOT SEE WIDER USE OF SOVIETS AND CUBANS, COMMENTING "THEY CAME FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSE, WHEN IT IS OVER THEY SHOULD BE EXPECTED TO LEAVE."

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4. AS TO FUTURE ANGOLAN ORIENTATION, GHEZAL SAID

ALGERIANS ENVISAGE THAT ANGOLA WILL FOLLOW SAME  
OINES AS MOZAMBIQUE.

5. COMMENT: ALGERIA'S ROLE IN SOVIET AIRLIFT TO  
ANGOLA AND ALGERIAN RELIANCE ON SOVIETS FOR MILITARY  
EQUIPMENT MAKES ALGERIANS UNLIKELY CHANNEL TO FOCUS  
CONCERN ON SOVIET/CUBAN PRESENCE IN ANGOLA, AS GHEZAL'S  
COMMENT ON ANGOLAN SOVEREIGNTY INDICATED. UNANTICIPATED  
CASTRO ARRIVAL COINCIDED EXACTLY WITH DISCUSSION AND  
PRESUMABLY DID NOT HELP.PARKER

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